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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF RSO POSITION

REF: (A) STATE 196164 (B) BERLIN 6268

1. U.S. MISSION WISHES COOPERATE FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN PROVIDING PROPER SECURITY SUPERVISION OVER CONSTRUCTION WORK UNDERWAY AT CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE EAST BERLIN. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN RAMIFICATIONS INVOLVED IN ASSIGNING RSO TO MISSION SHOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION BY DEPARTMENT BEFORE DECISION MADE ON PROPOSALS INCLUDED PARAGRAPH 3, REFTEL (B).

2. IF RSO WERE ASSIGNED TO MISSION, IT IS OBVIOUS HIS MISSION FUNCTIONS WOULD BE ONLY PERIPHERAL TO HIS PRIMARY DUTIES AT EMBASSY. WHILE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT (HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.) CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE BY MISSION, THESE RESOURCES ALMOST TOTALLY FUNDED BY FRG THROUGH OCCUPATION COST BUDGET, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE. IT IS MISSION VIEW THAT DIRECT SUPPORT TO EMBASSY CANNOT JUSTIFIABLY BE FRG FUNDED, HENCE THAT OCB SHOULD NOT BE USED.

3. QUESTION OF ACCESS TO PREMISES DURING CONSTRUCTION APPARENTLY NOT YET RESOLVED, AND OBVIOUSLY MUST BE PRIOR ANY FINAL DECISION. ACCESS OF RSO NOT ACCREDITED TO
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GDR MAY OR MAY NOT BE A COMPLICATING FACTOR, BUT THIS

QUESTION SHOULD ALSO BE DEALT WITH IN CONSIDERING
POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT TO MISSION.

4. IF DECISION MADE TO ASSIGN RSO TO MISSION, WE BELIEVE DIRECT SUPPORT COSTS MUST BE DOLLAR FUNDED AS INDICATED ABOVE. THIS, FOR THE MOST PART, WOULD BE GOVERNMENT LEASED QUARTERS AT ESTIMATED ANNUAL RATE IN EXCESS \$10,000, PLUS EDUCATION ALLOWANCES.
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